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THAT

Ireland now ſtandeth in.

MANIFESTED

By a Letter ſent from the Lord *Dungarvan* Son to the Earle of *Corke*:

TO

Sir *Arthur Magennis*, a worthy Knight in ENGLAND.

Wherein is ſhewed the great diſtreſſe of the Proteſtants there inhabiting:

Likwiſe the preparation for *Ireland*, by aſſent *of both Houſes of Parliament.*

With the great comfort that they daily receive by meanes of the valour of Sir SIMON HARCOVRT.

With a liſt of the Ships, men, money & Ammunition ſent for the preſent reliefe of the poore diſtreſſed Proteſtants of *IRELAND.*

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A TRUE

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The Miserable Estate

THAT

Ireland now standeth in.

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By a Letter sent from the Lord Dungarvan
Son to the Earle of Cork:

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THE TRVE Copie of a Letter ſent from the Lord of DVNGARVAN, ſonne to the Earle of *Corke*, to Sir *Arthur Magennis*, a worthy Knight in ENGLAND.

SIR,

I Would have made you acquainted with the troubles, which daily increaſe more and more to our great ſorrow: the diſtreſſed eſtate of our County of Corke is grievous to expreſſe; but opportunity hath not ſo well fitted, as to give you a more timely relation thereof. The rebels have ſo farre encroached into the body of our County, that they are become Maſters of the moſt part thereof, divers Lords being newly revolted to them.

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Amongſt the reſt, the Lord ANTRIM, within the Province of Munſter, about a fortnight agone, is revolted, with many ſouldiers that were under his command, and have committed great ſlaughters on the Proteſtants, with extreame cruelty, and inhumane maſſacres, yet have they beene valiantly reſiſted by Sir *Simon Harcourt*, and his Forces: who hath proved himſelfe a ſtout ſouldier, and faithfull ſubiect to the King of England; and hath taken from the Rebels divers Forts and Caſtles, and keepes the ſame well manned with good Garriſons.

Our Armie ſet forwards towards the Rebels, to give them an incounter on Wedneſday laſt was a ſeven-night; but they hearing thereof, withdrew themſelves to the confines of our County, where they have muſtred their Army, and raiſed it there to twentie thouſand; which being perceived, wee deſired to ioyne with Sir *Simon Harcourt* and the Scots in thoſe parts, which they accepted: and marching towards the Rebels, they tooke the Field, where was a battell fought between us; where (God bee praiſed) wee loſt but one hundred men, whereof our greateſt loſſe was the Lord *Fawklands* brother: and the adverſe party loſt above three thouſand

ſand five hundred, as wee conceived: upon which they drew backe to their Trenches, the skirmiſh holding ſome eight houres, our force being not ſo ſtrong as we wiſhed we were enforced to retire to ſtrengthen our army, in which time the Rebells repleniſhed, and augmented theirs, but we failed in our expectation, for many of our ſouldiers ſides with the Rebells revolted from our command by which means we were ſo weakened that we could not again take the field without apparent danger of the loſſe of our whole army; the Rebells being ſix to one, upon which we were enforced to retire to a town near adiacent in which was a good caſtle, fortifying the ſame aſwell as we could for our ſecuritie, there intending to ſtay till we have aid from England or Scotland which we daily write for, and without which not onely this County, but even the whole kingdome of Ireland is without all hope utterly loſt: many Biſhops are alſo revolted, Aid is daily ſent from forrain parts ſo that they are encreaſed to that ſtrength that they are able to bring 50000 fighting men in the field: They have put hard for *Corke* and have entrenched themſelves neer *Dublin*, divers great perſonages in that Citie have alſo revolted, they have ſet forth proclamations declaring, they take arms for their

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King and are the Queens army, for a toleration of their Religion, and for the defence of the lawes of that land, so farre, as they serve their desires and wills, I therefore conceive that perpetuall warre is to be expected in *Ireland*, till they are fully vanquished, and subdued, and not then free from Mutinies and Insurrections, Except all Papists be banished that Land, and the Kingdome, inhabited with nations in subiection to the King of England, as are Protestants.

Wee expected aid from England, both of Men, Ammunition, and money, before this time; but the distractions and divisions in that Kingdome, wee conceive hath hindered their proceedings in their intentions therein; Here are 3000. *Scots* arived, of which we are right glad, and we expect assistance from *Denmark*, which when we have, and also from *England*, I make no doubt, but by the blessing of God, *Ireland* will againe be reduced to their due subiection to the Crowne of *England*, which is all the news opportunitie will give me leave to write at this time.

DVNGARVAN.

Ianuary 30. 1641.

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The ſtrength and preparation for Ireland, *by the aſſent of both Houſes of* Parliament.

THE Parliament being touched with their wonted lenity, and commiſeration of the afflicted, and premeditating the diſtreſſed eſtate of our poor Brethren in *Ireland*, by their receiving daily intelligence of the bloody Maſſacrees, and inhumane butcheries daily committed by the Rebells, ſeriouſly conſidering, that without ſome ſpeedy ayde and reliefe, that whole Kingdome would be in danger of looſing, the Rebells therein, having already dirogated, nay almoſt uſurped his Maieſties Prerogative, ſlaine, and put to the ſword his Maieſties moſt true and loyall Subiects of the Proteſtant Religion, confiſcated their eſtates, and what not, that might availe to the ruinating of a State, They have provided in their defence, and the repulſings of the rebellious enemie, 36. Ships loaden with men, ammunition and victualls, who are now ready for Tranſportation at *weſtcheſter*, 18 of the ſaid Ships being his Maieſties, to guard the narrow ſeas, ſo that by theſe, and ſuch like preparation, it is expected our friends ſhall be ſtrengthened, and our foes defeated in their pernitious deſignes.

FINIS.

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